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Madrid, October 5.

THIS Court is very intent on putting the Naval Force of the Kingdom into a better Condition, and rendering it sufficiently serviceable, as well for conveying the Flotas to and from the West Indies, as for hindring others from Trading directly to those Parts, or making Settlements there. To facilitate the Building and Maintaining of a Number of Men of War requisite for these Purposes, the King has resolv'd to make a general Reform among all his Forces, of a certain Number of every Troop and Compaay, and to reduce the Officers to Half-Pay in Time of Peace. This Reform and Reduction has been readily submitted to by all the Spanish Troops; but the Walloons pretend, that it is an Infraction of the Agreement on which they entred into the King's Service, by which it was stipulated that they should neither be reformed nor disbanded. The Duke d'Avré, Collonel of the Walloon Regiment of Guards, having made Representations hereupon to the King, in behalf of all the Walloon Troops, those Representations were over-ruled; but in renewing them, and presuming to declare that the Walloons had rather be all disbanded than reformed, he was forbid the Court and the City of Madrid, and found himself obliged to retire to Guadalaxara; and the King has taken from him his Commission of Collonel of the said Guards, and given it to the Prince de Robeque. The Dutchess d'Avré is also dismissed from being Lady of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, and the Countess of Taboada is taken into her Room. The Marriage-Articles are settled between the Duke of Li-

ria, Son of the Duke of Berwick, and the Sister of the Duke de Veraguas. On the 29th past, Mr. George Bubb, Minister and Plenipotentiary of the King of Great Britain, made his publick Entry into this City, and had his first publick Audience of his Catholick Majesty, as also afterwards of the Queen and of the Infantes.

Berne, Oct. 8. The Regents of this Canton had made earnest Representations to those of the Canton of Zurich, against their conferring the Office of Lieutenant-Bailliff of Baden on one of their own Burghers; notwithstanding which, those of Zurich thought fit to choose one of their Burghers to that Office. The Bailliff of Baden having given him his Oath in the Name of the two Cantons, our Regents have declared that Oath to be null and void, have forbidden the Bailliff and other Officers to admit him to act in any manner as Lieutenant-Bailliff, and have signified to the said Bailliff that he shall be answerable for administering the Oath to that Person, in Breach of what was stipulated by the Conventions in 1713. Our Regents have likewise written to those of Zurich, that to prevent the like Disputes for the future, they are disposed to make a Proposal for dividing the Conquered Territories; and those of Zurich have answered, that they are desirous to see such a Proposal as may suit the Interests of both Cantons.

Vienna, Oct. 7. Letters from the Camp before Temeswaer relate, that on the 25th of last Month our Men worked hard on the Bridges or Galleries over the Ditch of the Palank; and Dispositions were made for giving an Assault the next Day; but those Galleries were ruined by the Fire of the Besieged, and the Water in the Ditch was raised